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TWO SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN CASE ARISING FROM HOME INVASION

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Calvin Williams, 34, and Charles Coker, 37, both of Chicago, Illinois, were each sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to ten years in federal prison, the maximum possible sentence, for being felons in possession of firearms. During sentencing, Judge Crabb referred to the offense committed by these previously convicted felons as one of the worst incidents she has seen involving felons illegally possessing firearms.

Coker and Williams pleaded guilty in April 2007 to these charges. The charges stemmed from their involvement in a home invasion on Madison's south side in December 2006. Posing as cable repair men, Coker and Williams gained entry to an apartment, tied up the residents, and ransacked the apartment. Madison police responded to a 911 call and surrounded the apartment building. Williams and Coker were taken into custody without incident when they attempted to leave the apartment.

The charges against Calvin Williams and Charles Coker were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol,

Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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